



94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
State of Illinois
2005 and 2006
SB0508

Introduced 2/17/2005, by Sen. Edward D. Maloney

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

605 ILCS 5/4-220 new

Amends the Illinois Highway Code. Provides that it is the public policy of the State that Department of Transportation projects must accommodate the needs of all highway users, including travelers on roadways by motor vehicle, foot, bicycle, or wheel chair. Provides that the Department shall provide periodic reports to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding the accommodation of these projects to the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Highway Code is amended by adding
5 Section 4-220 as follows:

6 (605 ILCS 5/4-220 new)

7 Sec. 4-220. Accommodation of all roadway users.

8 (a) The General Assembly finds that is the public policy of
9 this State that Department of Transportation projects must
10 adequately meet the transportation needs of all roadway users,
11 including those who travel along or across State roadways by
12 motor vehicle, foot, bicycle, or wheelchair.

13 (b) To support this policy and to meet the intent of
14 federal transportation law, the Department shall adopt the
15 Federal Highway Administration's "Accommodating Bicycle and
16 Pedestrian Travel" policy in a manner consistent with Illinois
17 law. This policy requires the routine inclusion of bicycling
18 and walking facilities in all projects where they are or might
19 in the future be needed, unless cost limits are exceeded or
20 other exceptional circumstances exist.

21 (c) The Department shall file with the Governor and the
22 General Assembly, no later than March 1, 2006, a report
23 containing an evaluation of existing bicycle and pedestrian
24 accommodation in State roadway projects and a comparison of
25 these projects with federal guidelines and the best practices
26 of other states.

27 (d) The Department shall, no later than March 1, 2006,
28 submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a transition
29 plan for:

30 (i) specific policy and implementation changes
31 identified in the report and;

32 (ii) training on bicycle and pedestrian accommodation

1 for all Department staff and contractors involved in
2 roadway planning and design.

3 (e) The Department shall report to the Governor and the
4 General Assembly, on March 1, 2006 and on March 1 of every
5 succeeding even-numbered year, on the status of all planning
6 and construction projects that have included pedestrian,
7 wheelchair, and bicycle components. This reporting requirement
8 may be consolidated with other Department reporting
9 requirements to Governor and the General Assembly, if the
10 information required is distinctly available within the
11 reports.